

# How to Coordinate Human Resources & Workers' Compensation

# **Introduction: (5 minutes)**

- Welcome to WC Mastery training
  - World has fundamentally changed post-pandemic
    - Manage company in a post-covid world
  - o How managing workforce and set up for success: HR & WC programs
  - O How we're attracting, engaging, managing, and impacting company culture
    - All factors impact, and are impacted by workers' compensation
    - Hybrid work model
  - o Goal is Neo in the Matrix
    - All the puzzle pieces come together
    - Biggest Little Farm
      - Everything works together in harmony and beauty
- Introduce 3 Main Points:
  - HR Definitions & Scope
  - Staff Capacity & Management
  - Staff Engagement



## Main Point #1: HR Definitions & Scope

- HR Definition:
  - Maximize the productivity of an organization by optimizing the effectiveness of its employees.
  - Responsibility Areas:
    - Different people in larger organizations, silos in HR
    - Talent Management Workforce Planning
      - Recruiting
      - Hiring
        - Job descriptions
        - o Job Placement
      - On-Boarding
      - Supporting
      - Retaining
      - Replacing
      - Firing
    - Compensation and Benefits
      - Payroll
      - Benefits
      - 401(k)

# Training and Development

- Providing career growth
- Offering continuing education
- Training and supporting managers
- Personal & professional development
- HR Compliance
  - Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
  - Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
  - Equal Employment Opportunity (EEOC)
    - o Americans with Disabilities Act
    - o Equal Pay Act
    - Pregnancy Discrimination





- Civil Rights Act
- o Age Discrimination Act
- Performance Management
  - Disciplinary
  - Grievances
- Policies & Procedures
  - Employee records
  - Confirm that employees have signed off on understanding policies.
    - D&O policy, everyone needs to understand the code of conduct
- Workplace Safety
  - OSHA compliance
  - Workers' compensation
  - Health & Wellness benefits

#### • WCRI: Predictors Of Worker Outcomes – 2015

- o Injured in 2010 and 2011 and interviewed in 2013 and 2014
- o Had more than 7 days of lost time
- o Interviewed nearly 4,800 injured workers in 12 states
- Education Not working at interview
  - 22% No high school degree
  - 15% high school degree
  - 12% some college
  - 11% college degree
- Oue to Injury or Not?
  - 150% not working for some other factor than injury
  - 47% of 55 & Older Not Working; 60% not from injury
  - 18% of 15-24; 100% not from injury
- Fear of Being Fired
  - 23% Strong Agree
  - 2-3x more likely to not be working 3 years later
  - 50% longer disability in weeks
  - 5x to report 'earning a lot less'
  - 2.5x more likely 'very dissatisfied with care'





- Higher Litigation Rates
- Disagree 3%
- Strongly Agree 22%
- Comorbidities
  - Pre-existing conditions
- o English language proficiency
  - 1.5x more likely big problems health care system
  - 1.5x more likely 'very dissatisfied with care'
  - Telephonic translator respect culture & dialect
  - http://cyracom.com
- o Other factors: Lower job tenure less likely to RTW
  - 1 year slightly more likely to be working
- EEO1 Report
  - Mandatory annual data collection
    - Mandatory, but No fines for not submitting
  - All private sector employers w/ > 100 employees & federal contractors > 50 employee
  - o Report by establishment, one report for each
    - Same as OSHA reporting
  - Submit demographic workforce data, including data by race/ethnicity, gender, and job categories
    - Executives Count
    - Managers Count
    - Professionals Count
    - Technicians Count
    - Sales Workers Count
    - Admin Support Count
    - Craft Workers Count
    - Operative Workers Count
    - Laborer Helpers Count
    - Service Workers Count
    - Handicapped Employees
      - Self-reported by the employee



- Or anonymous survey to employees
  - o Collect during the onboarding process and store in HR system
- o "I've been discriminated against"
  - Equal Pay Laws:
    - Promotion rates by category, by gender
      - Starting pay
      - Merit raises
      - o Looking for systemic discrimination
  - Termination
  - Reasonable Accommodation
    - 2020: EEOC 67,448 charges of discrimination; \$439.2 million for victims of discrimination
- OSHA Compliance
  - o OSH Act of 1970
    - assure safe and healthful working conditions
    - furnish a place of employment that is free from recognized hazards
  - 2 Primary Elements
    - Hazard control & training
    - Documentation
      - Documentation of hazard control & training
      - Documentation of recordable injuries
        - o OSHA 300, 300A, 301 forms
    - OSHA Data
      - Job Titles
      - TRIR
      - DART
      - Days Away
      - Severity Rate
      - Lost Workdays Rate





- Employee Census Report
  - o Used by actuaries in Employee Benefits planning & pricing
    - Health insurance
    - Employee benefits
    - 401(k) participation
  - o Census information
    - Name
    - Age or date of birth
    - Date of Hire
    - Number of dependents
    - Zip code
- SOC Audit SOC 1, SOC 2, SOC 3
  - o Services & Organizational Controls AICPA
  - Required by insurance companies, public entities, large companies to show evidence of controls
    - SOC 1: Report on Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to User Entities' Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR)
    - SOC 2: Report on Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality or Privacy
      - Oversight of the organization
      - Vendor management programs
      - Internal corporate governance and risk management processes
      - Regulatory oversight
    - SOC 3 Trust Services Criteria for General Use Report
      - SOC 2 w/o depth
      - do not have the need for or the knowledge necessary to make effective use of a SOC 2® Report. Because they are general use reports, SOC 3® reports can be freely distributed.
  - o Risk Disclosure Report
    - Written by senior person in company, signed off by CEO and CFO
    - Disclose material risks to an organization
      - Oil rig with high rates of retirement, running out of staff to run the oil rigs for drilling



# Main Point #2: Staff Capacity & Management

- Staffing Capacity:
  - o Post-covid world
    - The Great Resignation
  - o Make up of FTE calculation
    - how likely to get hurt?
    - How likely to retire
      - Work Days Count
      - Work Hours Count
  - Staffing Capacity Insights:
    - EEO1 Report Job Categories
      - How many craft workers do I need?
      - How many laborers do I need?
      - How many sale people do I need?
      - How much administrative support?
      - Are my senior executives about to retire?
    - Makeup & Capacity of current workforce
      - Total employee count
      - Union members count
      - Employee Retirement Count
      - Employee Separations Count
      - Employee Furlough Count
      - Leave of Absence Count
      - New Employee Hire Count
      - New Employee Re-Hire Count
      - Contractors Count
      - Overtime Hours Count
      - Exempt vs Non-Exempt Count
        - o FLSA laws
        - o Salary vs hourly overtime eligible
    - Impacts:
      - Working conditions





- Recruiting & retention
- Stress & Anxiety
- Mental Health
- Production quality
- Safety
- Cost of workers' comp claims
- o Gallop poll, American workers who were surveyed showed:
  - 30% 'actively engaged'
    - 48% fewer accidents, 65% less turnover
  - 52% are 'not engaged'
    - Work mainly for paycheck
  - 18% 'actively disengaged'
    - purposely take actions to negatively impact organization
- o Is it worth it for your employees to work for you?
- o Is it worth for you to employ your employees?
- Staff Management
  - o OSHA Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupation codes
    - Structured System to Overall Org Chart Down to Individual Level
    - Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) SOC 2018 system
      - 23 major groups
      - 98 minor groups
      - 459 broad occupations
      - 867 detailed occupations
        - o Similar skills grouped four levels of hierarchy
    - Carpet Installer 47-2041
      - 47 Construction
      - 47-2 Construction Trade Worker
      - 47-204 Carpet, floor, and tile installers and finishers
      - 47-2041 Carpet Installer
    - Consistency in Job Titles, Job Descriptions and Job Demands





- Job descriptions & job demands are validated
- Don't want 10 different job descriptions/job demands for Carpet Installer
  - o How many job descriptions do I need per occupation?
    - Attract people
    - Retain people
    - Understand physical demands
  - Protect for RTW, Reasonable Accommodation, Hiring, Fair Pay, Discrimination law suits
- Injury Data Insights: Tie Injury Data (Loss Run & OSHA) back to Org Structure
   & Company Design
  - OSHA, Loss Run, EEO1, Census
  - % of injuries by category
  - Injury trends
    - Safety controls
    - Safety training
    - Hiring By Occupation & Job Title
      - o physically capable
      - o comorbidities
      - o job descriptions & valid job demands
    - National origin English language proficiency
    - Education level Job Category
    - Tenure
    - Training & Development
      - o WC Communication
      - Policies
      - o Supervisor Training
      - o Return to Work
      - o ADA Compliance
    - High Impact Claims
      - o Creeping Catastrophic & Litigated Claims



## **Main Point #3: Staff Engagement**

- Staff Engagement
  - HR Definition: Maximize the productivity of an organization by optimizing the effectiveness of its employees.
  - o Employee engagement:
    - Vision / Mission / Values / Purpose for organization
    - Employees set up for success:
      - Clear job description
      - Mentally & physically capable to succeed
        - Physical testing
        - Mental health support
      - Properly trained to perform job duties
      - Health assessments
    - Safe work environment.
      - Safety training
      - Safety controls
    - Support & Benefits
      - Employee wellness participation
      - 401(k) participation
      - Employee benefits participation
    - Communication
      - Employee policies
      - Post injury communications
        - o At the individual employee level
- An engaged staff is a productive and effective staff
  - Coordinated injury data is indicator of structural company improvements at the csuite board level that can drive company success.